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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to use this opportunity to express my support for the settlement reached last November between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe it is time to move forward and allow both sides to concentrate on more important matters.

The settlement is comprehensive and requires many changes on the part of Microsoft. For example, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. Consumers will have the freedom to easily add or remove access features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. And to assure this and other provisions are met, Microsoft agreed to the formation of a technical committee that will monitor the company's business practices going forward.

This case has been going on long enough. It is time for Microsoft to get back to competing and designing new software. And it is time for the government to use taxpayer money on more urgent matters like stimulating the economy.

Sincerely,

Vern Scoggins

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